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**National Ocean and Atmospheric Administration
Office of Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary**

Attention: Karen Grimmer
99 Pacific Street, Building 455A
Monterey, CA 93940

California Public Utilities Commission

Attention: Ken Lewis
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

**Subject: Project Description revisions for the Monterey Peninsula Water Supply
Project (MPWSP)**

Dear Ms. Grimmer and Mr. Lewis:

California American Water Company (CalAm) is requesting project description revisions to the MPWSP permit applications for the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary (MBNMS) and the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to reflect the most recent information available.

In general, the requested revisions are meant to update and consolidate the project descriptions for the EIR/EIS document in regards to the following:

1. Product Water Pipeline alignment

Swap the preferred product water pipeline route from the previously identified Del Monte Boulevard alignment to the Lightfighter Drive/General Jim Moore Boulevard/Freemont Boulevard alignment that is referenced as the alternative route in the CPUC draft EIR released in April 2015 (see Figure 1). This alignment is preferred for a few reasons including the ability to eliminate the existing hydraulic constraint (trough) in CalAm's system located near Route 218

and Canyon Del Ray Blvd in Monterey and the need for the previously identified ASR pump station located at the terminal reservoirs.

2. Full-scale slant well layout

Revise the subsurface slant well layout based on further design refinements that were recently completed on the well layout and configuration (see Figure 2).

3. Valley Greens Pump Station location

Change the pump station primary location to an existing CalAm property located on Rancho San Carlos Road near Carmel Valley Road while still retaining the Option 1 and Option 2 sites previously identified in the 2015 draft EIR (see Figure 1).

4. Monterey Transfer Pump Station location

Change the pump station primary site location to the Monterey County Fairgrounds property near the corner of Fairground Rd and Airport Rd (see Figure 1).

5. Salinas Valley Return (SVR) - Castroville Community Services District Pipeline

Add a 10 to 12-inch pipeline alignment to provide the option to deliver SVR water to the Castroville Community Services District water system (see Figure 1). This pipeline is in addition to, not replacement of, the currently proposed SVR pipeline to the CSIP pond located at Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency.

7. Neponset Road alternative pipeline alignment for Source Water and Desalinated Water options

Add Neponset Road as a pipeline alignment alternative option for the Source Water, Desalinated Water and SVR Castroville return pipelines along with currently proposed Charles Benson Road alignment (see Figure 1).

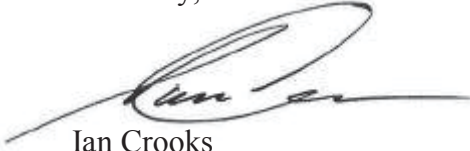
8. Terminal Reservoirs

Provide alternative for fully buried tanks in the event that local land use and development approval requires the tanks to be buried.

CalAm is requesting a meeting with CPUC, MBNMS and Environmental Science Associates to discuss these revisions in greater detail and the appropriate next steps to incorporate them into the combined EIR/EIS document.

Please contact me at your earliest convenience. I thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Engineering Manager

cc: Eric Zigas, ESA
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Attachments:

Figure 1

Figure 2

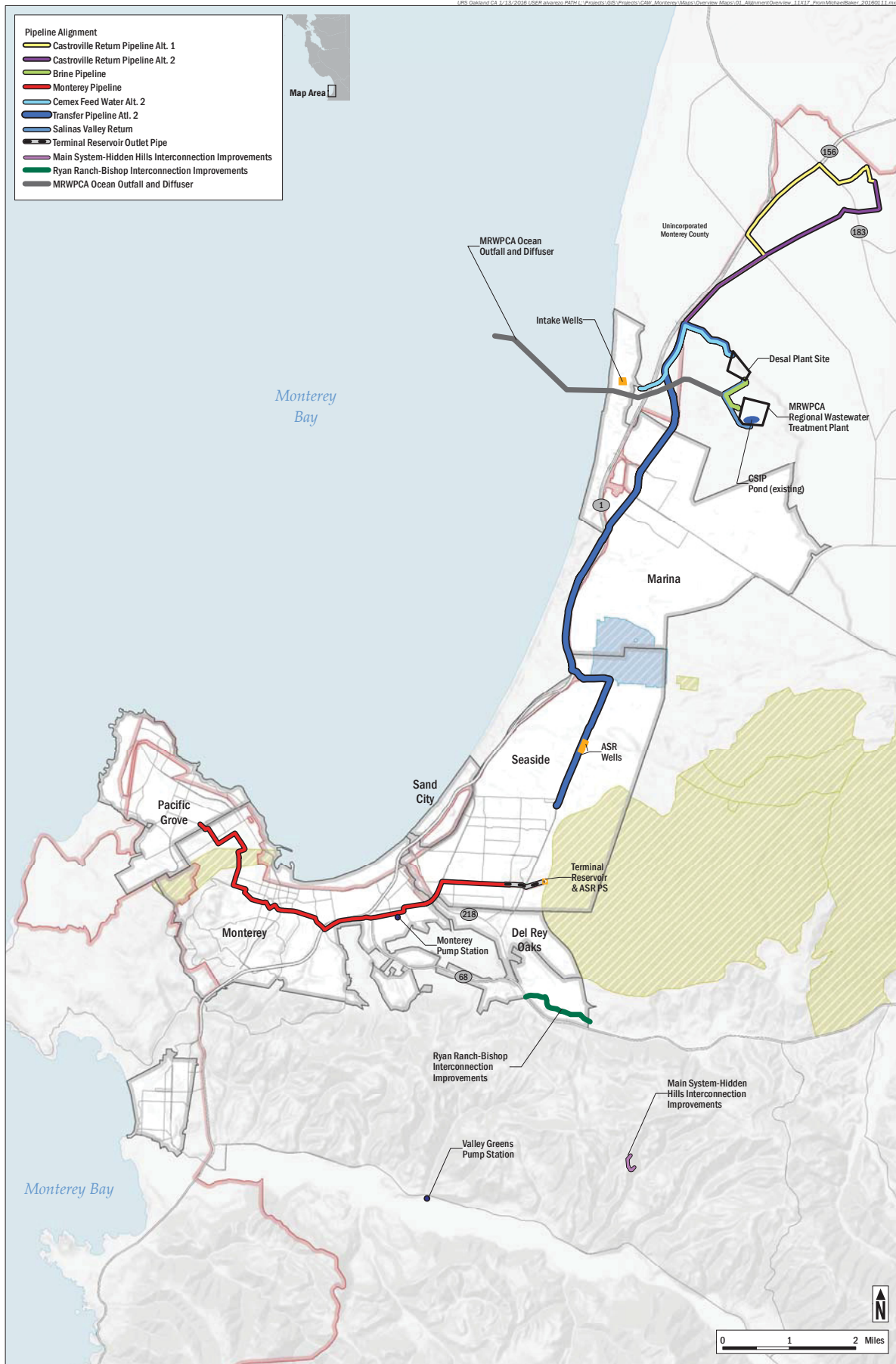
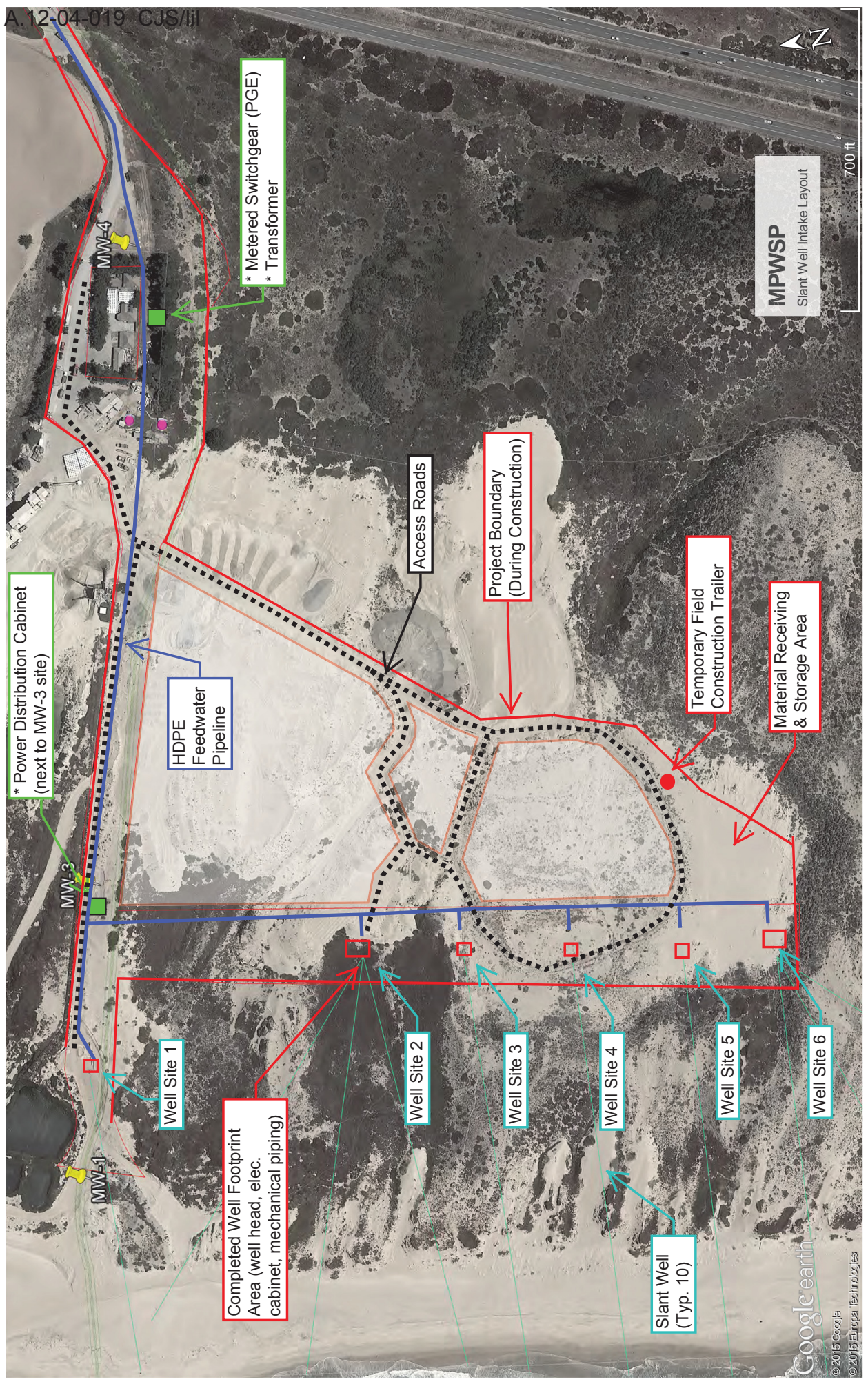


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